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# *Colorado Trends*

Labor market conditions in April continued the trend of gradual improvement as the number of residents with jobs posted a small gain while unemployment dropped sharply. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point to 6.5 percent. In April last year, unemployment made up 7.9 percent of the labor force. Employment changes, while slight, were better than normal for the period. The number of working Coloradans advanced to 1,594,300, 700 higher than in March and 21,100 greater than a year ago. Persons without work totaled 111,500 in April, 10,400 below the prior month and 23,300 fewer than one year ago.

Unemployment has fallen in Colorado in eight of the last twelve months, however, it has been the result of stability in the labor market rather than any sharp expansion of new job opportunities. Fewer layoffs in nearly all industries coupled with cautious hiring in others plus a drop in the number of persons coming into the labor force looking for work all contributed to the downward trend in joblessness.

The arrival of spring enabled the resumption of outdoor work in many areas across the State. Forty-eight of Colorado's 63 counties recorded lower unemployment on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Two notable exceptions were the winter recreation areas where the end of the ski season pushed joblessness much higher and in the Prowers County region where Neoplan USA Corporation reduced the work force at its bus manufacturing plant in Lamar.

National labor force indicators remained positive in April. Civilian employment advanced a sizable 610,000 to reach a record 114.7 million. Unemployment, at 6.6 million, declined by 191,000. The nation's jobless rate fell to 5.4 percent, the lowest level in nearly 14 years.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado recorded a small increase in April, rising 900 to 1,395,300 from the 1,394,400 posted in March. The gain, which was below seasonal expectations, was concentrated in the construction (up 2,400) and manufacturing (up 700) sectors as the remaining nonfarm industries all experienced losses over the month. Total wage and salary jobs in the State are 5,000 below last April's level of 1,400,300.

Agriculture added 8,400 jobs during the month, boosting employment in the industry to 44,200 as spring activities picked up in Colorado's agricultural communities.

Biggest losses among the nonfarm sectors occurred within trade and services (each down by 700) while more modest declines took place in the mining, transportation and public utilities, finance, insurance and real estate and government categories.

The only industry to show strength after seasonal adjustment was construction as the others turned in mostly sub par performances during the month.

The April jump in contract construction to 60,600 from its March level of 58,200 was largely seasonal, but somewhat better than expected in light of the past March -April movements. Since reaching a high of 96,900 jobs in August 1984 the industry has been plagued with problems, hitting a recent low in February of 58,100, a full 40 percent off its 1984 peak.

Stabilization in the construction sector would go a long way to further the State's economic recovery. In the past year alone, the industry has lost 7,500 jobs. Special trade contractors (down 4,000) lost the bulk of these jobs while general building (down 2,600) and heavy construction (down 900) lost lesser amounts.

The recent vote by Adams County residents allowing Denver County to annex land for the site of the new regional airport is a big positive for the State's future and the future of the State's construction industry. The industry will be one of the major beneficiaries of the airport project not only as a direct result of the hiring that will be necessary for construction, but also by the business relocation and expansion it is likely to generate.

In other developments, Electronic Data Systems Corp., a subsidiary of General Motors Corp., announced that it is adding 150 programmer analysts to its Lakewood facility which currently employs 200. EDS is a computer-services company headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

Declines in both the number of jobless and the number of employed persons forced the unemployment rate lower in the **DENVER MSA** for the second consecutive month. The seasonally adjusted rate of 6.0 percent for April is the lowest in the Area since August 1986. The rate slid 0.5 percent over the month and is currently 1.3 percentage points below the year ago rate.

The number of unemployed Metro Area residents fell to 53,000 after seasonal adjustment, a drop of 5,200 from the prior month and 12,400 fewer than March 1987.

Employment growth failed to match seasonal expectations for the month, falling 1,700 to 835,300. The number of employed local residents has risen 4,400 during the past year.

Job growth in the Region, as measured by the nonagricultural wage and salary series, was up 2,700 in April. The advance was due largely to a somewhat stronger than anticipated seasonal rebound in both construction (up 1,400) and manufacturing (up 600) payrolls. Services (up 800) also was a gainer, but the additions fell short of normal increases for the March-April period. Little seasonal strength was apparent in the remaining industry groups as scattered losses and gains offset each other.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

| COLORADO | APR 1988 | MAR 1988 | JAN 1988 | APR 1987 | CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO | 1 QTR. AGO | YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands). | 1705.8 | 1715.5 | 1743.9 | 1708.0 | -9.7 | -38.1 | -2.2 |
| Unemployment | 111.5 | 121.9 | 123.6 | 134.8 | -10.4 | -12.1 | -23.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.5 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.9 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 1594.3 | 1593.6 | 1620.3 | 1573.2 | 0.7 | -26.0 | 21.1 |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs | 1394.5 | 1397.9 | 1405.0 | 1399.2 | -3.4 | -10.5 | -4.7 |
| Mining | 20.7 | 20.7 | 20.8 | 21.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| Contract Construction | 63.0 | 62.3 | 64.2 | 70.8 | 0.7 | -1.2 | -7.8 |
| Manufacturing | 185.9 | 186.0 | 185.4 | 183.9 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| Durable Goods | 117.9 | 117.9 | 118.3 | 117.0 | 0.0 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 68.0 | 68.1 | 67.1 | 67.2 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 82.9 | 83.2 | 83.6 | 83.9 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -1.0 |
| Trade | 352.0 | 353.0 | 355.3 | 348.7 | -1.0 | -3.3 | 3.3 |
| Wholesale | 75.8 | 76.0 | 76.2 | 76.3 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| Retail | 276.2 | 277.0 | 279.1 | 272.5 | -0.8 | -2.9 | 3.7 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 97.0 | 97.7 | 98.2 | 99.1 | -0.7 | -1.2 | -2.1 |
| Services | 328.9 | 330.9 | 332.0 | 331.3 | -2.0 | -3.1 | -2.4 |
| Government | 264.1 | 264.1 | 265.5 | 260.0 | .0 | -1.4 | 4.1 |
| Federal | 54.6 | 54.6 | 55.1 | 54.4 | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| State | 62.3 | 62.2 | 62.3 | 60.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| Local | 147.2 | 147.3 | 148.1 | 145.8 | -0.1 | -0.9 | 1.4 |
| DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties) | | | | | | | |
| Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands). | 888.3 | 895.2 | 911.1 | 896.3 | -6.9 | -22.8 | -8.0 |
| Unemployment | 53.0 | 58.2 | 57.0 | 65.4 | -5.2 | -4.0 | -12.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 7.3 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 835.3 | 837.0 | 854.1 | 830.9 | -1.7 | -18.8 | 4.4 |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs | 792.3 | 794.1 | 797.4 | 793.5 | -1.8 | -5.1 | -1.2 |
| Mining | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Contract Construction | 36.7 | 36.3 | 36.4 | 38.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 95.6 | 95.3 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 51.6 | 51.6 | 51.6 | 51.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 44.0 | 43.7 | 43.3 | 43.8 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 60.1 | 60.3 | 60.7 | 60.4 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Trade | 200.1 | 201.0 | 202.2 | 199.4 | -0.9 | -2.1 | 0.7 |
| Wholesale | 54.0 | 54.2 | 54.4 | 54.4 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Retail | 146.1 | 146.8 | 147.8 | 144.9 | -0.7 | -1.7 | 1.2 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 66.1 | 66.7 | 66.7 | 66.9 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| Services | 195.1 | 196.3 | 195.8 | 195.7 | -1.2 | -0.7 | -0.6 |
| Government | 124.8 | 124.4 | 126.9 | 123.5 | 0.4 | -2.1 | 1.3 |
| Federal | 31.7 | 31.5 | 31.9 | 31.8 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| State | 26.0 | 26.1 | 26.9 | 25.4 | -0.1 | -0.9 | 0.6 |
| Local | 67.1 | 66.8 | 68.1 | 66.4 | 0.3 | -1.0 | 0.7 |
| BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County) | | | | | | | |
| Resident Civilian Labor Force | 131060 | 132350 | 134350 | 130320 | -1290 | -3290 | 740 |
| Unemployment | 6110 | 7070 | 6930 | 7560 | -960 | -820 | -1450 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.8 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 124950 | 125280 | 127420 | 122760 | -330 | -2470 | 2190 |
| COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County) | | | | | | | |
| Resident Civilian Labor Force. | 189990 | 192580 | 193290 | 189170 | -2590 | -3300 | 820 |
| Unemployment | 14630 | 16410 | 16140 | 15810 | -1780 | -1510 | -1180 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.3 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 175360 | 176170 | 177150 | 173360 | -810 | -1790 | 2000 |
| FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County) | | | | | | | |
| Resident Civilian Labor Force | 92220 | 93130 | 94150 | 91030 | -910 | -1930 | 1190 |
| Unemployment | 5420 | 6330 | 6490 | 5950 | -910 | -1070 | -530 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.5 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 86800 | 86800 | 87660 | 85080 | 0 | -860 | 1720 |
| GREELEY MSA (Weld County) | | | | | | | |
| Resident Civilian Labor Force | 68360 | 68360 | 70030 | 66300 | 0 | -1670 | 2060 |
| Unemployment | 4570 | 5270 | 5360 | 5360 | -700 | -790 | -790 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 63790 | 63090 | 64670 | 60940 | 700 | -880 | 2850 |
| PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County) | | | | | | | |
| Resident Civilian Labor Force | 50270 | 50170 | 50940 | 49370 | 100 | -670 | 900 |
| Unemployment | 4090 | 4700 | 5040 | 5290 | -610 | -950 | -1200 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 10.7 | --- | --- | --- |
| Employment | 46180 | 45470 | 45900 | 44080 | 710 | 280 | 2100 |

# COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

| STATE OF COLORADO | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO | CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). | 1698.9 | 1703.2 | 1702.3 | -4300 | -3400 |
| (by place of residence) | | | | | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT 4/ | 115.8 | 130.3 | 140.1 | -14500 | -24300 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.8 | 7.7 | 8.2 | --- | --- |
| EMPLOYMENT | 1583.1 | 1572.9 | 1562.2 | 10200 | 20900 |
| Nonagricultural 5/ | 1538.9 | 1537.1 | 1523.9 | 1800 | 15000 |
| Agricultural | 44.2 | 35.8 | 38.3 | 8400 | 5900 |
| WAGE & SALARY 6/ | 1395.3 | 1394.4 | 1400.3 | 900 | -5000 |
| (by place of work) | | | | | |
| MINING | 20.6 | 20.7 | 21.2 | -100 | -600 |
| Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0 | 100 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 14.0 | 14.1 | 14.4 | -100 | -400 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 60.6 | 58.2 | 68.1 | 2400 | -7500 |
| General Building Contractors | 13.5 | 13.3 | 16.1 | 200 | -2600 |
| Heavy Construction Contractors | 9.2 | 8.0 | 10.1 | 1200 | -900 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 37.9 | 36.9 | 41.9 | 1000 | -4000 |
| MANUFACTURING | 184.2 | 183.5 | 182.5 | 700 | 1700 |
| Durable Goods | 117.3 | 116.8 | 116.4 | 500 | 900 |
| Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0 | -100 |
| Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 0 | -200 |
| Primary & Fabricated Metals | 13.2 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 0 | 500 |
| Machinery, except Electrical | 26.9 | 26.5 | 24.9 | 400 | 2000 |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment | 22.2 | 22.3 | 22.6 | -100 | -400 |
| Transportation Equipment | 17.3 | 17.2 | 17.6 | 100 | -300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 66.9 | 66.7 | 66.1 | 200 | 800 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 24.9 | 24.7 | 24.3 | 200 | 600 |
| Printing & Publishing | 22.3 | 22.3 | 22.0 | 0 | 300 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 82.7 | 82.9 | 83.7 | -200 | -1000 |
| Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs | 44.7 | 44.7 | 45.9 | 0 | -1200 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 349.6 | 350.3 | 346.3 | -700 | 3300 |
| Wholesale Trade | 75.6 | 75.5 | 76.1 | 100 | -500 |
| Retail Trade | 274.0 | 274.8 | 270.2 | -800 | 3800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 31.6 | 31.5 | 30.1 | 100 | 1500 |
| Food Stores | 43.0 | 42.8 | 40.9 | 200 | 2100 |
| Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station | 27.4 | 27.5 | 27.5 | -100 | -100 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 103.2 | 103.7 | 103.0 | -500 | 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 97.1 | 97.4 | 99.2 | -300 | -2100 |
| Banking | 20.8 | 20.9 | 21.3 | -100 | -500 |
| Credit Agencies Other Than Banks | 18.2 | 18.4 | 19.0 | -200 | -800 |
| SERVICES | 330.9 | 331.6 | 333.3 | -700 | -2400 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging | 27.5 | 27.8 | 28.3 | -300 | -800 |
| Personal Services | 16.0 | 16.1 | 17.5 | -100 | -1500 |
| Business Services | 73.0 | 72.7 | 72.8 | 300 | 200 |
| Auto & Misc. Repair Services | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 100 | -100 |
| Amusements & Recreation | 22.3 | 23.0 | 22.4 | -700 | -100 |
| Health Services | 84.4 | 84.2 | 82.9 | 200 | 1500 |
| Hospitals | 36.0 | 36.0 | 35.2 | 0 | 800 |
| GOVERNMENT | 269.6 | 269.8 | 266.0 | -200 | 3600 |
| Federal Government | 53.9 | 53.9 | 53.7 | 0 | 200 |
| State Government | 65.7 | 65.8 | 63.7 | -100 | 2000 |
| Education | 41.3 | 41.5 | 40.0 | -200 | 1300 |
| Local Government | 150.0 | 150.1 | 148.6 | -100 | 1400 |
| Education | 83.1 | 83.5 | 82.3 | -400 | 800 |
| LABOR DISPUTANTS | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0 | 200 |

## DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

| DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties) | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO | CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence) | 883.1 | 887.3 | 891.2 | -4200 | -8100 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT 4/ | 53.6 | 61.2 | 66.1 | -7600 | -12500 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.1 | 6.9 | 7.4 | --- | --- |
| EMPLOYMENT | 829.5 | 826.1 | 825.1 | 3400 | 4400 |
| Nonagricultural 5/ | 821.7 | 819.8 | 818.3 | 1900 | 3400 |
| Agricultural | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 1500 | 1000 |
| WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work) | 791.3 | 788.6 | 792.2 | 2700 | -900 |
| MINING | 13.7 | 13.8 | 14.0 | -100 | -300 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.9 | -200 | -500 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 35.6 | 34.2 | 37.2 | 1400 | -1600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 95.2 | 94.6 | 94.5 | 600 | 700 |
| Durable Goods | 51.5 | 51.3 | 51.0 | 200 | 500 |
| Transportation Equipment | 15.6 | 15.5 | 15.9 | 100 | -300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 43.7 | 43.3 | 43.5 | 400 | 200 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 14.1 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 200 | -300 |
| Printing & Publishing | 13.0 | 13.1 | 12.9 | -100 | 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 60.0 | 60.1 | 60.3 | -100 | -300 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 198.6 | 198.8 | 197.8 | -200 | 800 |
| Wholesale Trade | 54.0 | 53.9 | 54.4 | 100 | -400 |
| Retail Trade | 144.6 | 144.9 | 143.4 | -300 | 1200 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 51.8 | 51.8 | 53.0 | 0 | -1200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 66.0 | 66.0 | 66.8 | 0 | -800 |
| SERVICES | 195.1 | 194.3 | 195.8 | 800 | -700 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 100 | -200 |
| Health Services | 47.2 | 47.1 | 46.8 | 100 | 400 |
| GOVERNMENT | 127.1 | 126.8 | 125.8 | 300 | 1300 |
| Federal Government | 31.6 | 31.6 | 31.8 | 0 | -200 |
| State Government | 27.1 | 27.1 | 26.4 | 0 | 700 |
| Local Government | 68.4 | 68.1 | 67.6 | 300 | 800 |
| LABOR DISPUTANTS | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

| BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County) | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO | CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence) | 130.2 | 130.6 | 129.5 | -400 | 700 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT 4/ | 6.2 | 7.3 | 7.7 | -1100 | -1500 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.8 | 5.6 | 6.0 | --- | --- |
| EMPLOYMENT | 124.0 | 123.3 | 121.8 | 700 | 2200 |
| Nonagricultural 5/ | 122.2 | 121.8 | 120.2 | 400 | 2000 |
| Agricultural | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 300 | 200 |
| WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work) | 105.4 | 105.1 | 103.7 | 300 | 1700 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 200 | -200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 28.3 | 28.1 | 27.9 | 200 | 400 |
| Durable Goods | 23.1 | 22.9 | 22.8 | 200 | 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 0 | 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 22.6 | 22.5 | 22.3 | 100 | 300 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0 | -100 |
| Retail Trade | 20.2 | 20.1 | 19.8 | 100 | 400 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -100 | -100 |
| SERVICES | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.2 | 0 | 500 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.9 | 23.0 | 22.1 | -100 | 800 |
| Federal Government | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0 | 100 |
| State Government | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.2 | -100 | 400 |
| Local Government | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | 300 |
| LABOR DISPUTANTS | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

# COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| COLORADO AREA | April 1988 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE | TOTAL EMPLOY | TOTAL UN-EMP | % UN-EMP | -- | March 1988 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE | TOTAL EMPLOY | TOTAL UN-EMP | % UN-EMP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alamosa | 6005 | 5528 | 477 | 7.9 | -- | 6039 | 5432 | 607 | 10.1 |
| Archuleta | 2700 | 2470 | 230 | 8.5 | -- | 2690 | 2373 | 317 | 11.8 |
| Baca | 2160 | 2048 | 112 | 5.2 | -- | 1953 | 1890 | 93 | 4.7 |
| Bent | 2308 | 2134 | 174 | 7.5 | -- | 2198 | 2035 | 163 | 7.4 |
| Chaffee | 6544 | 5828 | 716 | 10.9 | -- | 6522 | 5774 | 748 | 11.5 |
| Cheyenne | 976 | 957 | 19 | 1.9 | -- | 940 | 894 | 46 | 4.9 |
| Clear Creek | 2400 | 2128 | 272 | 11.3 | -- | 2446 | 2129 | 317 | 13.0 |
| Co. Springs MSA | 189332 | 174312 | 15020 | 7.9 | -- | 190446 | 173179 | 17267 | 9.1 |
| Conejos | 2540 | 2150 | 390 | 15.4 | -- | 2552 | 2073 | 479 | 18.8 |
| Costilla | 882 | 749 | 133 | 15.1 | -- | 869 | 715 | 154 | 17.7 |
| Crowley | 1548 | 1434 | 114 | 7.4 | -- | 1445 | 1347 | 98 | 6.8 |
| Custer | 959 | 884 | 75 | 7.8 | -- | 887 | 833 | 54 | 6.1 |
| Delta | 8217 | 7106 | 1111 | 13.5 | -- | 8151 | 6933 | 1218 | 14.9 |
| Den-Bldr CMSA | 1013372 | 953486 | 59886 | 5.9 | -- | 1017878 | 949400 | 68478 | 6.7 |
| -Bldr-Lgmont MSA | 130199 | 123953 | 6246 | 4.8 | -- | 130596 | 123274 | 7322 | 5.6 |
| -Denver MSA | 883173 | 829533 | 53640 | 6.1 | -- | 887282 | 826126 | 61156 | 6.9 |
| ---Adams | 149141 | 137918 | 11223 | 7.5 | -- | 150592 | 137352 | 13240 | 8.8 |
| ---Arapahoe | 209937 | 199569 | 10368 | 4.9 | -- | 210446 | 198749 | 11697 | 5.6 |
| ---Denver | 271219 | 252941 | 18278 | 6.7 | -- | 272446 | 251902 | 20544 | 7.5 |
| ---Douglas | 19924 | 18913 | 1011 | 5.1 | -- | 20017 | 18836 | 1181 | 5.9 |
| ---Jefferson | 232952 | 220191 | 12761 | 5.5 | -- | 233782 | 219287 | 14496 | 6.2 |
| Dolores | 870 | 795 | 75 | 8.6 | -- | 845 | 771 | 74 | 8.8 |
| Eagle | 13620 | 12250 | 1370 | 10.1 | -- | 13119 | 12505 | 614 | 4.7 |
| Elbert | 3768 | 3426 | 342 | 9.1 | -- | 3788 | 3335 | 453 | 12.0 |
| Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA | 92215 | 86631 | 5584 | 6.1 | -- | 92661 | 85762 | 6899 | 7.4 |
| Fremont | 11358 | 10216 | 1142 | 10.1 | -- | 11573 | 10157 | 1416 | 12.2 |
| Garfield | 14463 | 13282 | 1181 | 8.2 | -- | 14537 | 13173 | 1364 | 9.4 |
| Gilpin | 1219 | 1142 | 77 | 6.3 | -- | 1245 | 1143 | 102 | 8.2 |
| Grand | 5463 | 5083 | 380 | 7.0 | -- | 5388 | 5204 | 184 | 3.4 |
| Greeley MSA | 67787 | 62965 | 4822 | 7.1 | -- | 67330 | 61509 | 5821 | 8.6 |
| Gunnison | 5634 | 5117 | 517 | 9.2 | -- | 5793 | 5502 | 291 | 5.0 |
| Hinsdale | 393 | 387 | 6 | 1.5 | -- | 378 | 361 | 17 | 4.5 |
| Huerfano | 2425 | 2141 | 284 | 11.7 | -- | 2348 | 2047 | 301 | 12.8 |
| Jackson | 1097 | 997 | 100 | 9.1 | -- | 1020 | 944 | 76 | 7.5 |
| Kiowa | 1049 | 1007 | 42 | 4.0 | -- | 991 | 922 | 69 | 7.0 |
| Kit Carson | 3788 | 3693 | 95 | 2.5 | -- | 3587 | 3450 | 137 | 3.8 |
| Lake | 1583 | 1299 | 284 | 17.9 | -- | 1520 | 1295 | 225 | 14.8 |
| La Plata | 16190 | 14884 | 1306 | 8.1 | -- | 16688 | 15283 | 1405 | 8.4 |
| Las Animas | 4859 | 4469 | 390 | 8.0 | -- | 4978 | 4410 | 568 | 11.4 |
| Lincoln | 2088 | 1995 | 93 | 4.5 | -- | 1969 | 1897 | 72 | 3.7 |
| Logan | 8721 | 8329 | 392 | 4.5 | -- | 8463 | 8064 | 399 | 4.7 |
| Mesa | 39265 | 35819 | 3446 | 8.8 | -- | 39778 | 35472 | 4306 | 10.8 |
| Mineral | 316 | 264 | 52 | 16.5 | -- | 318 | 253 | 65 | 20.4 |
| Moffat | 5079 | 4481 | 598 | 11.8 | -- | 5110 | 4477 | 633 | 12.4 |
| Montezuma | 9046 | 8064 | 982 | 10.9 | -- | 9095 | 7859 | 1236 | 13.6 |
| Montrose | 11874 | 10103 | 1771 | 14.9 | -- | 11843 | 9946 | 1897 | 16.0 |
| Morgan | 9610 | 8917 | 693 | 7.2 | -- | 9417 | 8652 | 765 | 8.1 |
| Otero | 8401 | 7542 | 859 | 10.2 | -- | 8406 | 7404 | 1002 | 11.9 |
| Ouray | 1285 | 1123 | 162 | 12.6 | -- | 1261 | 1062 | 199 | 15.8 |
| Park | 2971 | 2734 | 237 | 8.0 | -- | 2921 | 2659 | 262 | 9.0 |
| Phillips | 2273 | 2219 | 54 | 2.4 | -- | 2139 | 2050 | 89 | 4.2 |
| Pitkin | 9025 | 8213 | 812 | 9.0 | -- | 8888 | 8660 | 228 | 2.6 |
| Prowers | 6543 | 5906 | 637 | 9.7 | -- | 6443 | 5981 | 462 | 7.2 |
| Pueblo MSA | 50226 | 46046 | 4180 | 8.3 | -- | 50380 | 45285 | 5095 | 10.1 |
| Rio Blanco | 2642 | 2457 | 185 | 7.0 | -- | 2636 | 2439 | 197 | 7.5 |
| Rio Grande | 5407 | 4681 | 726 | 13.4 | -- | 5457 | 4609 | 848 | 15.5 |
| Routt | 8773 | 7812 | 961 | 11.0 | -- | 8914 | 8365 | 549 | 6.2 |
| Saguache | 1567 | 1386 | 181 | 11.6 | -- | 1548 | 1299 | 249 | 16.1 |
| San Juan | 512 | 446 | 66 | 12.9 | -- | 549 | 467 | 82 | 14.9 |
| San Miguel | 2585 | 2257 | 328 | 12.7 | -- | 2533 | 2312 | 221 | 8.7 |
| Sedgwick | 1395 | 1356 | 39 | 2.8 | -- | 1350 | 1283 | 67 | 5.0 |
| Summit | 8699 | 7929 | 770 | 8.9 | -- | 8595 | 8287 | 308 | 3.6 |
| Teller | 5365 | 4815 | 550 | 10.3 | -- | 5440 | 4807 | 633 | 11.6 |
| Washington | 2583 | 2452 | 131 | 5.1 | -- | 2433 | 2236 | 197 | 8.1 |
| Yuma | 4900 | 4721 | 179 | 3.7 | -- | 4520 | 4321 | 199 | 4.4 |
| COLORADO | 1698875 | 1583065 | 115810 | 6.8 | -- | 1703240 | 1572926 | 130314 | 7.7 |

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## COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP.
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

STATE OF COLORADO
APRIL 1987 REVISED

| AREA | TOTAL LABOR FORCE | TOTAL EMPLOY | TOTAL UN-EMP | % UN-EMP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALAMOSA | 5898 | 5339 | 559 | 9.5 |
| ARCHULETA | 2522 | 2295 | 227 | 9.0 |
| BACA | 1983 | 1893 | 90 | 4.5 |
| BENT | 2132 | 1995 | 137 | 6.4 |
| CHAFFEE | 6838 | 5866 | 972 | 14.2 |
| CHEYENNE | 953 | 912 | 41 | 4.3 |
| CLEAR CREEK | 2796 | 2453 | 343 | 12.3 |
| CO. SPGS. MSA | 188554 | 172320 | 16234 | 8.6 |
| CONEJOS | 2524 | 2070 | 454 | 18.0 |
| COSTILLA | 915 | 705 | 210 | 23.0 |
| CROWLEY | 1130 | 1029 | 101 | 8.9 |
| CUSTER | 917 | 831 | 86 | 9.4 |
| DELTA | 8245 | 7078 | 1167 | 14.2 |
| DEN-BLDR CMSA | 1020710 | 946839 | 73871 | 7.2 |
| -BLDR-LMNT MSA | 129503 | 121779 | 7724 | 6.0 |
| -DENVER MSA | 891207 | 825060 | 66147 | 7.4 |
| ---ADAMS | 151771 | 137177 | 14594 | 9.6 |
| ---ARAPAHOE | 211125 | 198490 | 12635 | 6.0 |
| ---DENVER | 274021 | 251573 | 22448 | 8.2 |
| ---DOUGLAS | 19971 | 18814 | 1157 | 5.8 |
| ---JEFFERSON | 234319 | 219006 | 15313 | 6.5 |
| DOLORES | 821 | 765 | 56 | 6.8 |
| EAGLE | 13363 | 12042 | 1321 | 9.9 |
| ELBERT | 3828 | 3451 | 377 | 9.8 |
| FT COL-LOVLD MSA | 91039 | 84907 | 6132 | 6.7 |
| FREMONT | 11893 | 10210 | 1683 | 14.2 |
| GARFIELD | 14493 | 13009 | 1484 | 10.2 |
| GILPIN | 1302 | 1148 | 154 | 11.8 |
| GRAND | 5527 | 5062 | 465 | 8.4 |
| GREELEY MSA | 65804 | 60147 | 5657 | 8.6 |
| GUNNISON | 5541 | 4995 | 546 | 9.9 |
| HINSDALE | 394 | 360 | 34 | 8.6 |
| HUERFANO | 2501 | 2024 | 477 | 19.1 |
| JACKSON | 1026 | 942 | 84 | 8.2 |
| KIOWA | 965 | 920 | 45 | 4.7 |
| KIT CARSON | 3656 | 3457 | 199 | 5.4 |
| LAKE | 1732 | 1265 | 467 | 27.0 |
| LA PLATA | 16506 | 14641 | 1865 | 11.3 |
| LAS ANIMAS | 4759 | 4172 | 587 | 12.3 |
| LINCOLN | 2000 | 1908 | 92 | 4.6 |
| LOGAN | 9174 | 8106 | 1068 | 11.6 |
| MESA | 39360 | 34870 | 4490 | 11.4 |
| MINERAL | 312 | 250 | 62 | 19.9 |
| MOFFAT | 5251 | 4469 | 782 | 14.9 |
| MONTEZUMA | 9055 | 7633 | 1422 | 15.7 |
| MONTROSE | 11394 | 9914 | 1480 | 13.0 |
| MORGAN | 9717 | 8689 | 1028 | 10.6 |
| OTERO | 8618 | 7389 | 1229 | 14.3 |
| OURAY | 1197 | 1075 | 122 | 10.2 |
| PARK | 2956 | 2633 | 323 | 10.9 |
| PHILLIPS | 2103 | 2030 | 73 | 3.5 |
| PITKIN | 9517 | 8314 | 1203 | 12.6 |
| PROWERS | 6537 | 6064 | 473 | 7.2 |
| PUEBLO MSA | 49353 | 43946 | 5407 | 11.0 |
| RIO BLANCO | 2714 | 2438 | 276 | 10.2 |
| RIO GRANDE | 5326 | 4491 | 835 | 15.7 |
| ROUTT | 9246 | 8113 | 1133 | 12.3 |
| SAGUACHE | 1540 | 1298 | 242 | 15.7 |
| SAN JUAN | 648 | 552 | 96 | 14.8 |
| SAN MIGUEL | 2747 | 2336 | 411 | 15.0 |
| SEDGWICK | 1340 | 1271 | 69 | 5.1 |
| SUMMIT | 8653 | 8008 | 645 | 7.5 |
| TELLER | 5366 | 4799 | 567 | 10.6 |
| WASHINGTON | 2430 | 2237 | 193 | 7.9 |
| YUMA | 4422 | 4206 | 216 | 4.9 |
| STATE TOTAL | 1702243 | 1562181 | 140062 | 8.2 |

ALL ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA. ESTIMATES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 2-11-88 12-86 CES&BASE

## HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES Z/

COLORADO

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 |
| CONSTRUCTION | $464.20 | $443.92 | $461.90 | 38.3 | 35.8 | 37.1 | $12.12 | $12.40 | $12.45 |
| MANUFACTURING | $415.95 | $410.57 | $398.77 | 40.7 | 39.9 | 39.6 | $10.22 | $10.29 | $10.07 |
| Durable Goods | $419.38 | $422.51 | $416.57 | 41.4 | 41.1 | 40.8 | $10.13 | $10.28 | $10.21 |
| Nondurable Goods | $410.50 | $392.05 | $372.33 | 39.7 | 38.1 | 37.8 | $10.34 | $10.29 | $9.85 |

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 | APR 2/ 1988 | MAR 3/ 1988 | APR 1987 |
| CONSTRUCTION | $497.35 | $409.55 | $487.38 | 39.1 | 37.6 | 36.7 | $12.72 | $13.02 | $13.28 |
| MANUFACTURING | $434.70 | $423.87 | $415.06 | 41.4 | 39.8 | 38.9 | $10.50 | $10.65 | $10.67 |
| Durable Goods | $482.72 | $479.64 | $460.94 | 43.1 | 42.0 | 40.9 | $11.20 | $11.42 | $11.27 |
| Nondurable Goods | $387.08 | $368.48 | $373.97 | 39.7 | 37.6 | 37.1 | $9.75 | $9.80 | $10.08 |

## SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

| | COLORADO 8/ | | | DENVER AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 1988 | MAR 1988 | APR 1987 | APR 1988 | MAR 1988 | APR 1987 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE | | | | | | |
| Initial Claims | 13,562 | 13,904 | 15,939 | 6,084 | 7,509 | 7,745 |
| Continued Claims | 125,412 | 171,359 | 170,851 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Number of Weeks Compensated | 103,987 | 142,499 | 142,645 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Amount of Benefits Paid | $16,208,812 | $22,240,600 | $22,487,643 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Benefit Funds Available | $69,389,737 | $60,383,012 | $38,724,116 | --- | --- | --- |
| EMPLOYMENT SERVICE | | | | | | |
| New Applications for Work | 14,000 | 16,057 | 16,268 | 6,990 | 8,554 | 8,111 |
| Nonagricultural Placements | 4,590 | 4,418 | 4,711 | 1,619 | 1,495 | 1,744 |
| Agricultural Placements | 578 | 180 | 547 | 160 | 44 | 201 |

## AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

March 1988 - In Thousands

| | United States 3/ | Colorado 3/ | Arizona | Idaho | Montana | New Mexico | Utah | Wyoming |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 119,957 | 1703.2 | 1640.9 | 458.4 | 402.9 | 690.4 | 757.8 | 227.1 |
| Unemployment | 7,090 | 130.3 | 90.6 | 38.5 | 36.9 | 59.7 | 43.9 | 18.0 |
| Unemployment Rate(%) | 5.9 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 5.8 | 7.9 |
| Employment | 112,867 | 1572.9 | 1550.3 | 419.9 | 366.0 | 630.7 | 713.9 | 209.1 |

## FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on December 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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